

Yesterday, I recognized Veterans Day in Santa Fe with many of my fellow New Mexicans. During the ceremony, I had the great honor of presenting a Bronze Star to a Vietnam veteran. It was just one such ceremony and presentation that was taking place in New Mexico.

Across the state, New Mexicans remembered and honored the brave Americans who have answered our country's call to serve. Throughout our history, year after year, generation after generation, the men and women of our armed forces and their families have made tremendous sacrifices for our nation.

Generations of New Mexicans have fought bravely to protect our freedoms. In every town and community I visit, I meet soldiers and veterans who have protected our country and brought great honor to our state. I have met soldiers and veterans who fought in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. I have met soldiers and veterans who have returned home to their families carrying the memory of those lost and the honor of making our country stronger, safer and free.

One of my top priorities in Congress is to work on behalf of our veterans. If you or a loved one are a veteran or a member of the Armed Service, please visit my [veterans web page and see how my office can help you](#)

or

[contact my office for more information](#)

. I can assist you with problems you may be having with the Veterans Administration or other government agencies. I can also help veterans reclaim lost or stolen medals. And I can help you apply for education benefits through the New GI Bill if you are an Iraq or Afghanistan veteran.

I will work every day in Congress to recognize and honor the sacrifices of our veterans, and to ensure that every soldier, veteran and family member receive the benefits, services and honor that they have earned and deserve. The selfless service and the sacrifices of our soldiers, veterans and their families are appreciated and recognized by a grateful state and nation.

I join my fellow New Mexicans in sending my thoughts and prayers to all of our veterans, soldier and their families. Thank you for your service to our country and our state.

- Ben Ray Lujan